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Letter dated 8 December 1994 from the Permanent Representative of Hungary to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to forward herewith the text of the statement given by the Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Hungary, Mr. László Kovács, in his capacity as Chairman-in-Office of the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe, on 7 December 1994, concerning the situation in Bihać region of the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

I should be grateful if you could arrange for the text of the present letter and its annex to be circulated as a document of the 49th session of the General Assembly under agenda items 27 and 39, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) István Náthon
Ambassador

ANNEX

Statement by the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Hungary, in his capacity as Chairman-in-Office of the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe, 7 December 1994, concerning the situation in the Bihać region of Bosnia and Herzegovina

Taking into account the discussions held during the Budapest Meeting of the Heads of State or Government of the Participating States of the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe (CSCE) on the dramatic events in the republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina, and especially in the Bihać region, the Chairman-in-Office:

Strongly condemns the latest violation of the status of the safe area of Bihać designated by the United Nations, as well as of the international border of the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina and the Republic of Croatia by the Pale Serb and the so-called Krajina Serb forces operating from the United Nations Protected Areas within the Republic of Croatia, and all forces which support them;

Stresses that these developments jeopardize the territorial integrity of the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina and the Republic of Croatia, and threaten peace and stability in the CSCE area;

Calls for a complete cessation of hostilities throughout the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina, including an immediate cease-fire in and around the safe area of Bihać, and demands that the aggressors accept a cease-fire;

Calls for urgent international action to protect and ensure the safety of the civilian population and to provide humanitarian assistance, and urges all parties to allow and ensure the delivery of humanitarian aid to the beleaguered population of Bihać and throughout the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina;

Demands the immediate release of all United Nations personnel currently being denied freedom of movement in order to enable them to carry out their mandate;

Expresses his support for the continued international efforts to bring peace to the region and his conviction that peace can only be brought about through negotiations;

Supports the work of the Contact Group with the aim of bringing peace to the region, based on CSCE principles and objectives, and condemns the Pale Serbs for not accepting the peace plan;

Calls for the instruments of crisis management to be used to full advantage against the destructive forces of aggressive nationalism and territorial expansionism;

Expresses the hope that the failure to settle the crisis strengthens the determination to develop the CSCE's capacity for conflict prevention and crisis management.

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